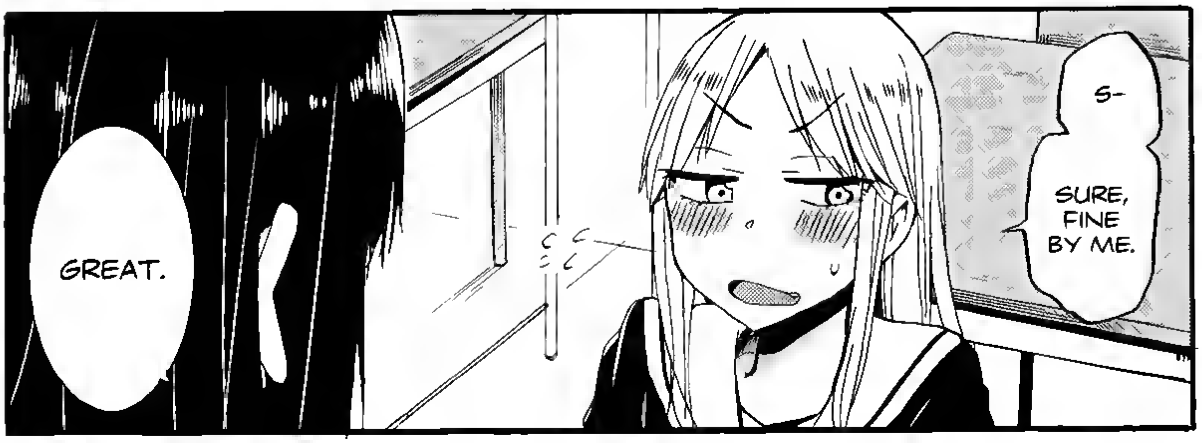
逃げ FLEEING ニゲタイ★ジンコウ

僕から FROM MY 最親友 BEST FRIEND

くみちょう
Kumichou

IT SEEMS THAT MY FIRST-EVER FRIEND IN HIGH SCHOOL LIKES ME. IN *THAT* KINDA WAY.
KAZUMI, WANT TO STOP FOR DINNER SOMEWHERE ON THE WAY HOME?

HUH...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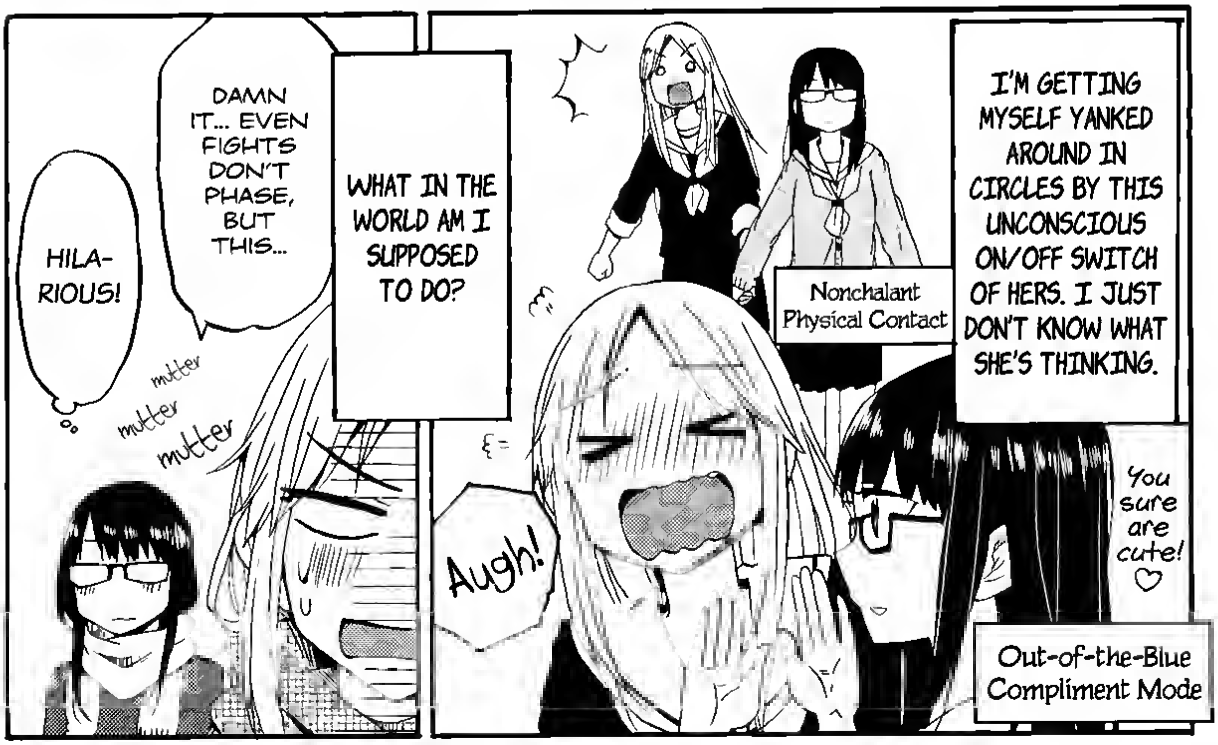
SURE, FINE BY ME.
GREAT.

THIS FRIEND OF MINE, TAKAOKA RISA,
IS PRETTY GOOD-LOOKING AND GETS REAL GOOD GRADES. SHE'S FAIRLY POPULAR AMONG THE BOYS.
THERE'S THIS PLACE I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRY FOR A WHILE. WOULD THAT BE OKAY WITH YOU?
YET FOR SOME REASON SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH SOMEBODY LIKE ME, SHINJOU KAZUMI.
...F... FOR REAL, YOU MEAN IT LIKE, THAT KINDA WAY...?
YES, PROBABLY THAT KIND OF WAY.
IT'S GOT ME IN A REAL FIX EACH AND EVERY DAY.
HOW CAN SHE ACT SO NORMAL LIKE THIS?
Y- YEAH, I'M LISTENING!
YOU LISTENING?

WHUMP
!
AND THE THING THAT'S MOST GOT ME IN A FIX...
Watch where yer walkin'!
.....
EEGH!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
THAT HURT, DAMN IT.
glare
BA-DUMP!
EYAGH!?
stick
NOTHING REALLY.
WH- WH- WH- WHAT IS IT!?

blush
...IS WHEN SHE GOES FROM ACTING ALL CASUAL TO THIS SUDDEN SERIOUS-ATTACK MODE!
COMIN' AT ME ALL STRONG AND TRYIN' TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON!
WAS THAT WRONG OF ME?
JUST A BIT OF PHYSICAL BONDING.


HILA-RIOUS!
DAMN IT... EVEN FIGHTS DON'T PHASE, BUT THIS...
WHAT IN THE WORLD AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
mutter
mutter
mutter
Nonchalant Physical Contact
I'M GETTING MYSELF YANKED AROUND IN CIRCLES BY THIS UNCONSCIOUS ON/OFF SWITCH OF HERS. I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING.
Augh!
You sure are cute! ♡
Out-of-the-Blue Compliment Mode

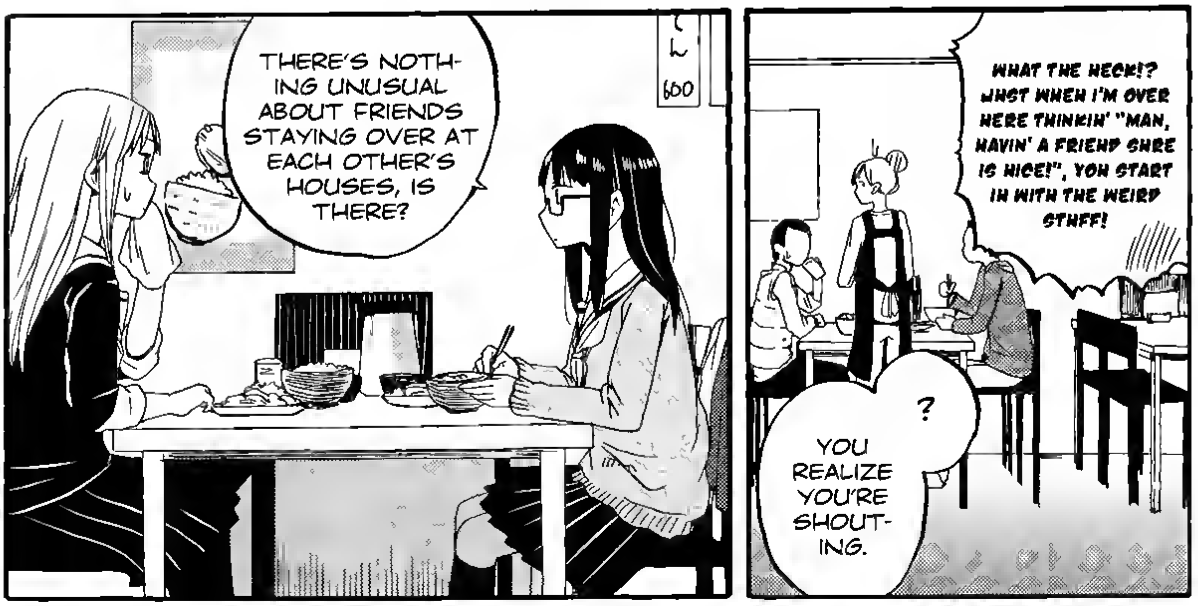
-LIM-
ABC CAFE
X'mas
SURE ARE A LOT OF TRENDY-LOOKIN' SHOPS 'ROUND HERE...
AND IT'S JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS, SO YOU SEE A LOT OF COUPLES TOO.
YEAH.

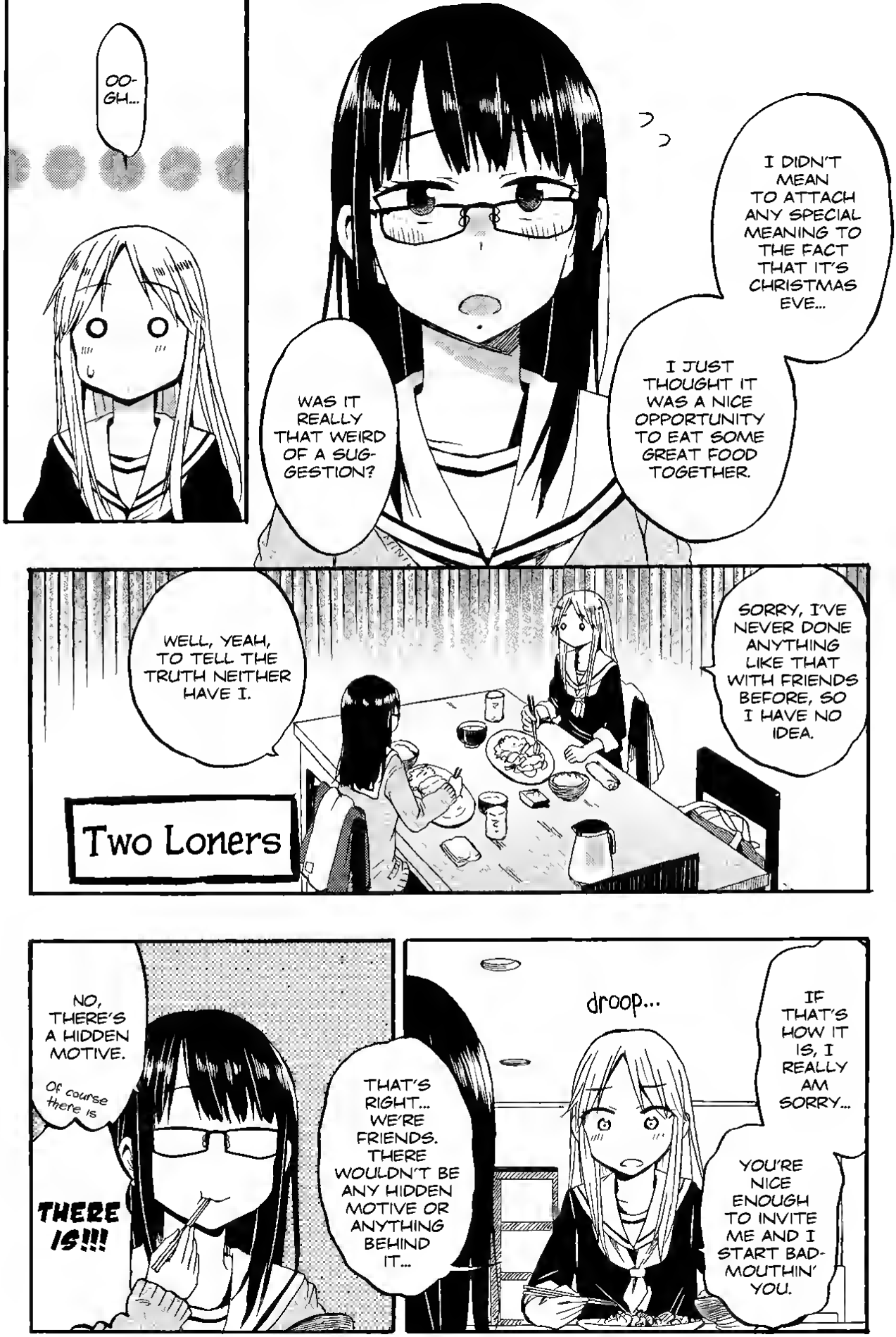
AH...
DON'T TELL ME... SHE DID THIS ON PURPOSE...!?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HERE WE ARE.
大定食 JUMBO SERVING
ごっそさん
GHOW FACTORY
INFINITE FREE SERVICES
OPEN
...THIS IS THE PLACE?
THANKS FOR WAITING!

HM, NOT BAD!
NOT AT ALL!
MASSIVE!!
PRETTY AMAZ-ING...
They really are huge -U U
I FIGURED I HAD TO TRY IT AT LEAST ONCE.
Thanks for the food
無料
SEE, YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU REALLY TRY.
GUESS SO.
WELL, THANKS TO YOU, I EVEN SHOCKED THE TEACHER.
OH YEAH, HOW'D YOU DO ON THAT LAST TEST?
EVEN SOMETHIN' AS SIMPLE AS THIS — JUST GRABBING A BITE WITH A FRIEND — I NEVER DID ONCE BEFORE.
I WAS ALWAYS ALONE AT SCHOOL AND NEVER REALLY FIT IN.
AHH, THIS IS NICE... THIS IS GREAT!
DUNNO WHAT YOU MEAN!
NOW WE JUST NEED TO WORK ON THAT LIFE-STYLE OF YOURS THINK YOU CAN ACT A BIT MORE FEMININE?
OH, BY THE WAY...
chew chew
SHE'S A LOT OF FUN.
RISA'S A LITTLE ODD BUT AS A FRIEND SHE'S REAL EASY TO BE AROUND.

PBWEH!!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME SLEEP OVER AT MY HOUSE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE?

...THAT'S DISGUSTING.
HACK!
GW-HOH!
NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO NO...


THERE'S NOTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT FRIENDS STAYING OVER AT EACH OTHER'S HOUSES, IS THERE?
WHAT THE HECK!? JUST WHEN I'M OVER HERE THINKIN' "MAN, HAVIN' A FRIEND SURE IS NICE!", YOU START IN WITH THE WEIRD STUFF!
?
YOU REALIZE YOU'RE SHOUTING.


OO-GH...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO ATTACH ANY SPECIAL MEANING TO THE FACT THAT IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE...
I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS A NICE OPPORTUNITY TO EAT SOME GREAT FOOD TOGETHER.
WAS IT REALLY THAT WEIRD OF A SUG-GESTION?
SORRY, I'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT WITH FRIENDS BEFORE, SO I HAVE NO IDEA.
WELL, YEAH, TO TELL THE TRUTH NEITHER HAVE I.
Two Loners
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, I REALLY AM SORRY...
droop...
YOU'RE NICE ENOUGH TO INVITE ME AND I START BAD-MOUTHIN' YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT... WE'RE FRIENDS. THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY HIDDEN MOTIVE OR ANYTHING BEHIND IT...
NO, THERE'S A HIDDEN MOTIVE.
Of course there is
THERE IS!!!

WELL WHOSE FAULT IS THAT!?
THEN JUST COME OVER AND HANG OUT, LIKE NORMAL. YOU'RE OVER-THINKING IT.
SIIINK
AHH MAN, AND SLEEPIN' OVER AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE IS SOMETHIN' I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO DO...
YEAH... I DID MY BEST, BUT THERE'S JUST TOO MUCH...
YOU'RE DONE?
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
HAHH, I'M WORN OUT...
click click click
HUH? YOU STILL GOT ROOM IN THERE!?
You're somethin else
I'LL FINISH IT FOR YOU.
SURE.
I'LL BE FINE.
chew
chew
TH... THANKS... DON'T GET FAT, THOUGH, 'K...?
kyuuun
WHAT IS THIS FEELING... OF DEPEND-ABILITY...

MY HEART BEATS SO FAST WHEN I'M WITH YOU THAT IT IMPROVES MY METABOLISM.
GEEZ, CUT THAT OUT!!

droop
I'M EXHAUSTED.
YOU OKAY?
HOW CAN YOU ACT SO NORMAL LIKE THAT, RISA?
WHEN WE'RE BOTH G- GIRLS AND YOU...

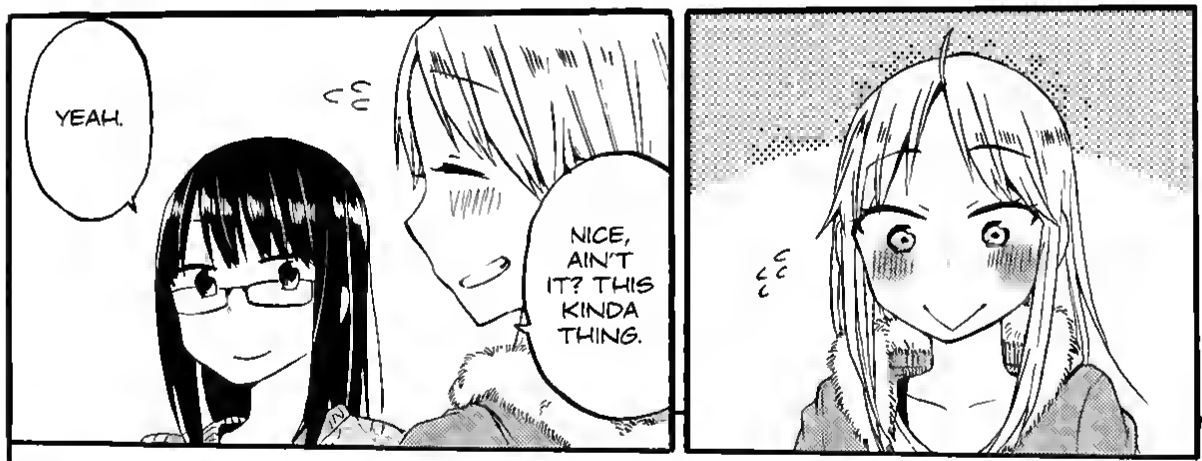
...THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER FALLEN IN LOVE WITH SOMEBODY.
SO I WANT TO BE BOLD AND OPEN ABOUT IT.
blush
...EUGH...
I GOT IT! I'LL STAY OVER CHRISTMAS EVE, DAMN IT!!
KWEE-EEEEH!!
ALSO, YOUR REACTIONS ARE REALLY FUNNY TO WATCH.
FLING
push

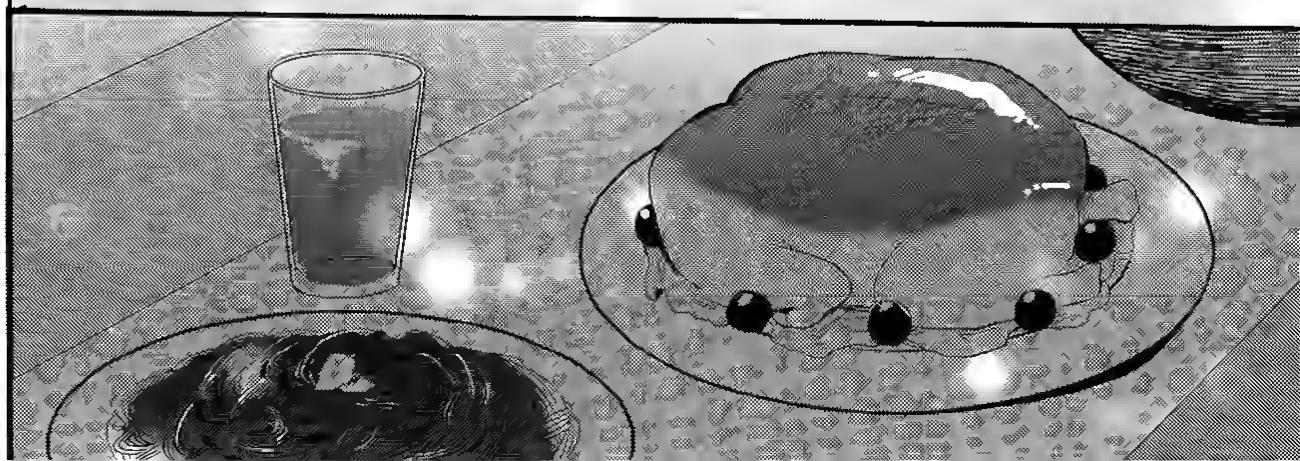
SINCE, LIKE, IT'S TOTALLY NO BIG DEAL!!!
YOU'RE SHOUTING AGAIN.
BUT I'M ONLY COMIN' OVER AS A FRIEND!!
NOTHIN' MORE AND NOTHIN' LESS!!
They're for a friend!!
NO MORE GETTIN' AGITATED!
I'M JUST GONNA SETTLE DOWN, AND ENJOY MYSELF!!
WHAT THE HECK'S HER PROBLEM! ALWAYS TEASIN' A GIRL LIKE THAT!
THUD
THUD
I WON'T LET HER YANK ME AROUND ANYMORE!
WHY AM I THE ONE ALL STRESSED OUT, WHILE SHE'S ACTIN' ALL FREE!

I HAVE ARRIVED!!
MERRY CHRIST-MAS!!
NO REALLY, GET INSIDE.
You're embarrassing me
...COME ON IN.
waku waku
I'M A BIT NERVOUS, THIS BEIN' MY FIRST TIME DOIN' THIS...
REAL-LY?
RIGHT OVER HERE.
OOHH!

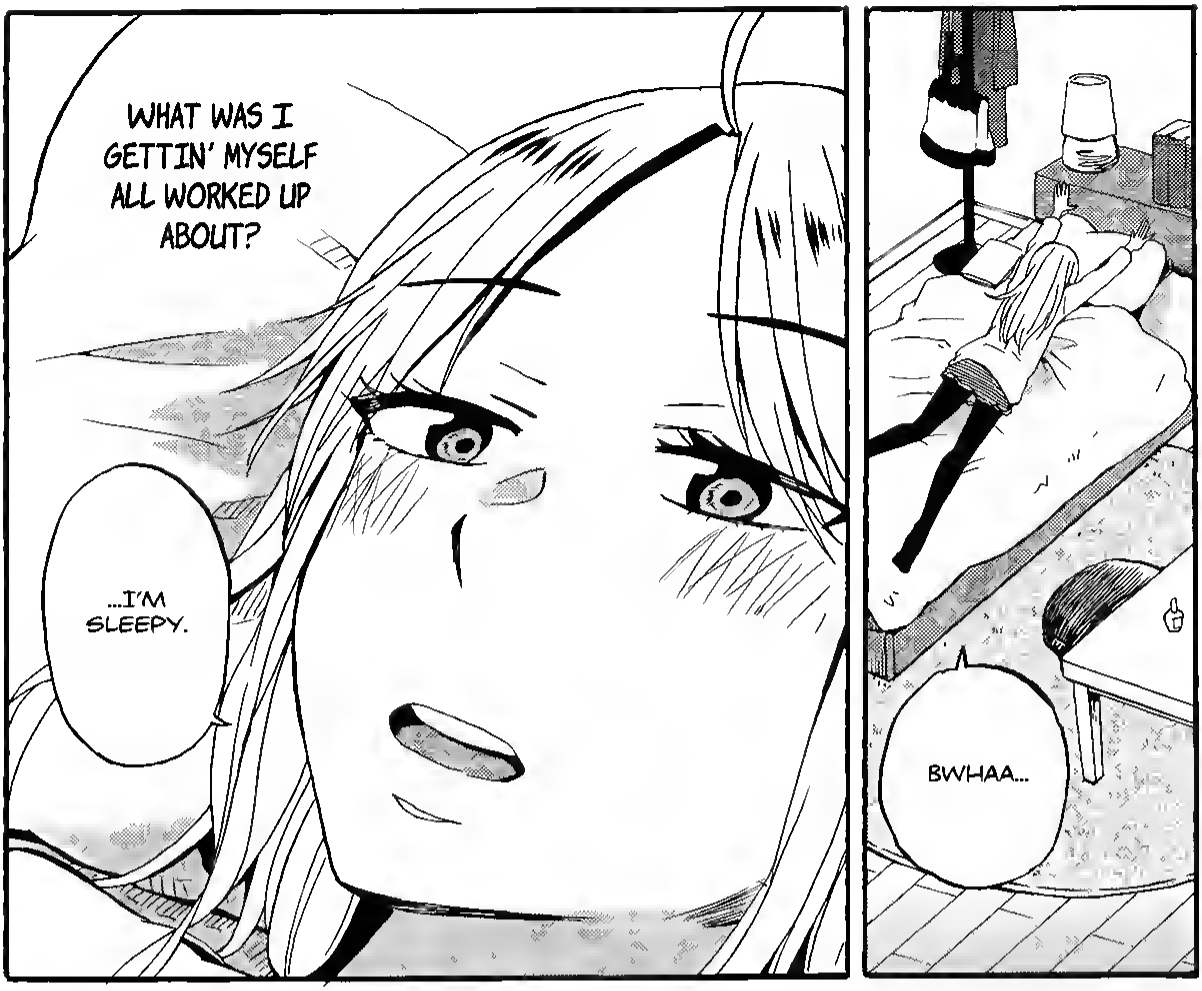
NAH NAH NAH, STOP THAT! BE COOL!!
RUFF.
...ALL FER MY SAKE?
I TRIED GOING ALL OUT FOR ONCE, SEE WHAT I CAN DO.
ME AND MY MOM, YEAH.
YOU MADE THIS ALL YOURSELF!?
WOW...
pant pant
IF I KNEW I'D A'BEEN OVER HERE AGES AGO!
DUMMY! TELL ME THAT SOONER!
YEP.
WHOA...
WHAT! RISA, YOU HAVE A DOG!?
grah
HELLO THERE!
ADORABLE.
gaze

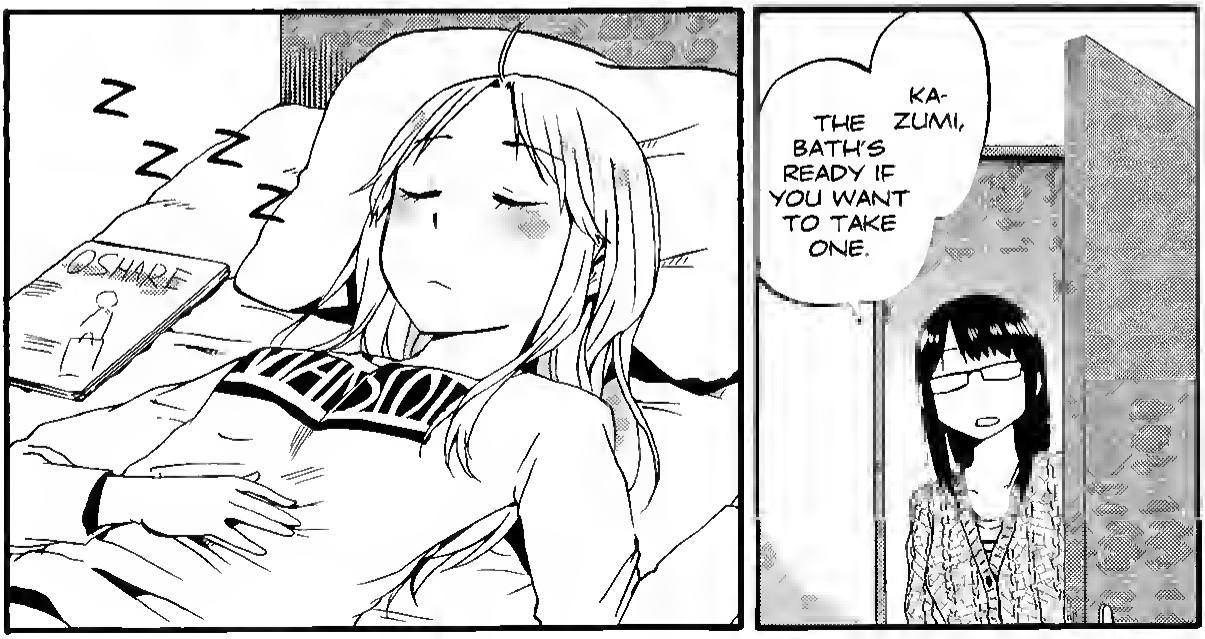
AH... HELLO. THANKS FOR HAVING ME.
MY NAME IS SHINJOU KAZUMI.
THANKS FOR ALWAYS GETTING ALONG WITH RISA.
RISA PRETTY MUCH NEVER BRINGS FRIENDS HERE, SO I WAS ALMOST SHOCKED WHEN SHE TOLD ME!
MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME, PLEASE!
Y-YES, THANK YOU


NICE, AIN'T IT? THIS KINDA THING.
YEAH.



You eat too much
What
I'm still going
Has nice with everything
WHAT...!!
SHARE GIRL
Heck yes!!
Want to take him on a walk?
WE'RE JUST HAVIN' A NORMAL GOOD OLD TIME.


WHAT WAS I GETTIN' MYSELF ALL WORKED UP ABOUT?
...I'M SLEEPY.
BWHAA...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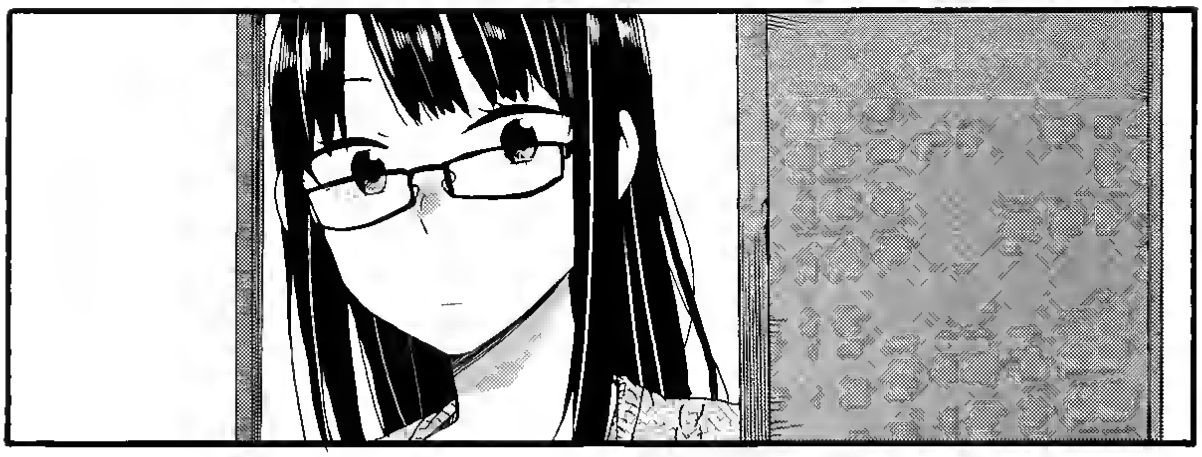
SHARE
KA-ZUMI, THE BATH'S READY IF YOU WANT TO TAKE ONE.



RISA WOULD EVEN BE FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE LIKE ME.
SHE'S A BIT ODD, BUT SHE LOOKS AFTER PEOPLE AND IS ALWAYS BRAVE AND DIGNIFIED.
HONESTLY I HAVE NO IDEA HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO ANSWER HER FEELINGS,
BUT BEING TOGETHER WITH HER IS ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN.

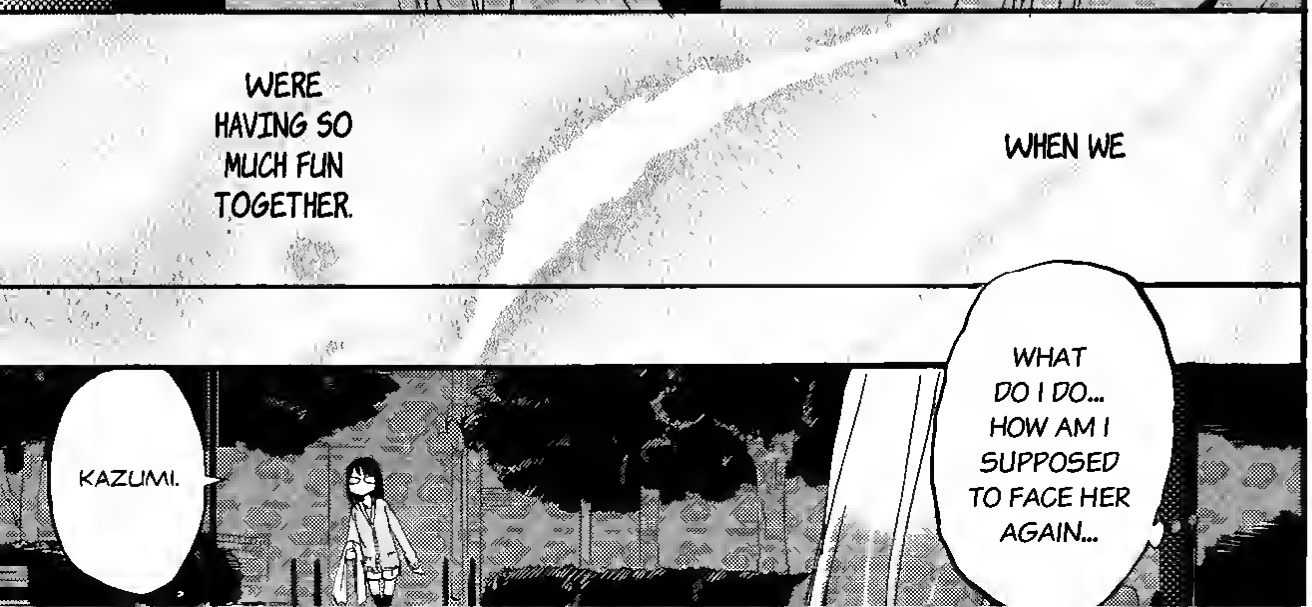
SO FOR NOW,
I HOPE OUR RELATIONSHIP CAN STAY JUST THE WAY IT IS...
HNM?
OH,
YOU'RE AWAKE.

SHOVE
G-
GWAAA AAAAAA AAUGH!!
!
WELL
RI...
I DON'T...
I...
?
WHAT?
UM...
HUH!?
ZOOM
RISA, YOU BIG DUM-MYYY!!

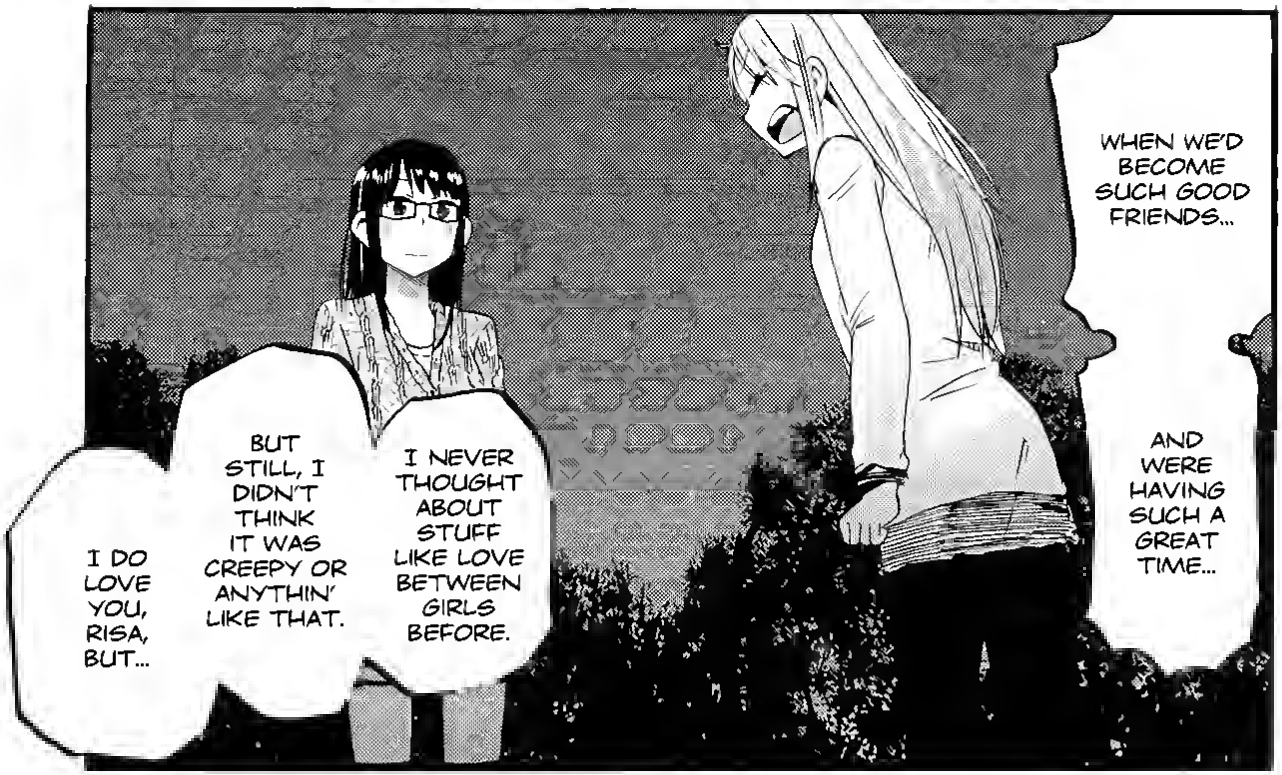
pant
pant
pant

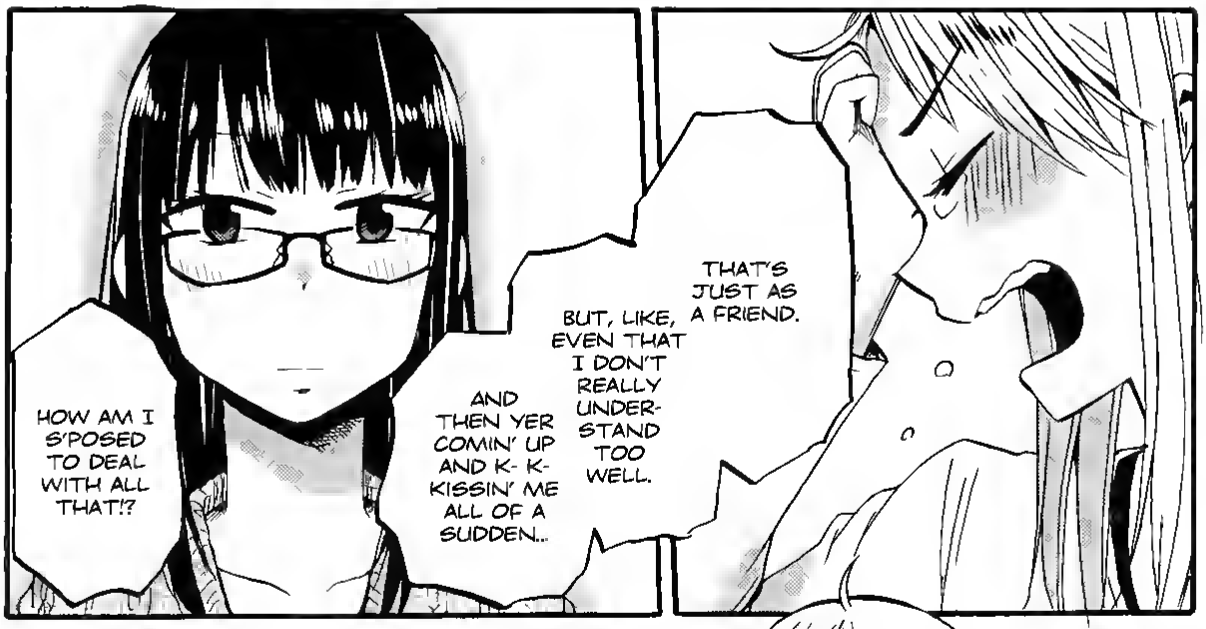
OO-GHH...
WITHOUT THINKIN' I JUST RAN AWAY...
I LEFT MY COAT AND CELL-PHONE AN' EVERYTHING AT HER HOUSE...
Hah...
Hah...

WHAT THE HECK IS SHE THINKING...


WERE HAVING SO MUCH FUN TOGETHER.
WHEN WE
WHAT DO I DO... HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO FACE HER AGAIN...
KAZUMI.

RISA...
WHAT GOT INTO YOU, ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WH...
I DON' KNOW WHAT I'M S'POSED TO DO ANYMORE!!
YOU STARTED IT, DOIN' SOMETHIN' WEIRD LIKE THAT!
WHAT GOT INTO ME!? WHAT GOT INTO YOU!!!


WHEN WE'D BECOME SUCH GOOD FRIENDS...
AND WERE HAVING SUCH A GREAT TIME...
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT STUFF LIKE LOVE BETWEEN GIRLS BEFORE.
BUT STILL, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS CREEPY OR ANYTHIN' LIKE THAT.
I DO LOVE YOU, RISA, BUT...

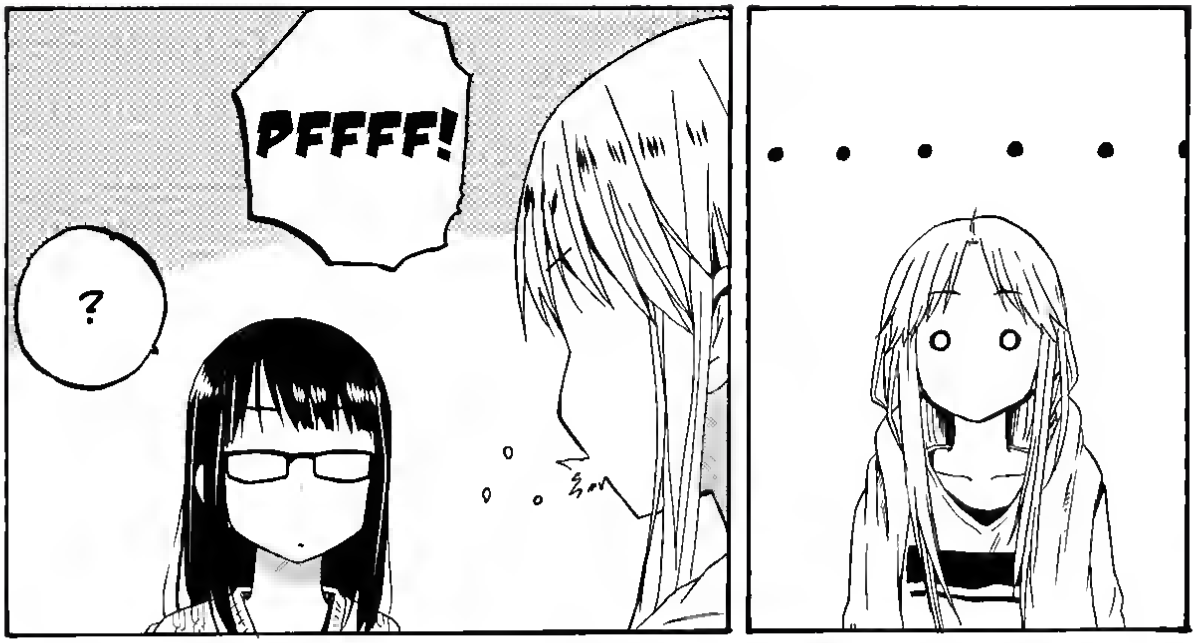

THAT'S JUST AS A FRIEND.
BUT, LIKE, EVEN THAT I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND TOO WELL.
AND THEN YER COMIN' UP AND K- K-KISSIN' ME ALL OF A SUDDEN..
HOW AM I S'POSED TO DEAL WITH ALL THAT!?

I DON' KNOW WHAT TO DOOOOO ANYMORE...
Ahhhhhh

KAZUMI...
I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN THINKING AND WORRYING ABOUT A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS.
sniffle
I CAUSED YOU A LOT OF GRIEF.
I'M REALLY SORRY.

BUT I REALLY DIDN'T KISS YOU OR ANYTHING.
YOU AIN'T?
I AIN'T.
HUH?
CLICK
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING TO YOU.
YOU...
ALWAYS HAVE YOUR MOUTH CLOSED WHEN YOU SLEEP. I WAS JUST WATCHING.
.....

AHHH MAN, WHAT THE HECK...
IT COULD NEVER GET MORE EMBARRASSING THAN THIS... I WANNA DIE...
GOOD GRIEF.
IS THAT HOW LITTLE YOU THINK OF ME?
WHAA!?
I TRIED LOOKING AT YOU WITHOUT MY GLASSES.
BUT... I MEAN, YER FACE WAS REAL REAL CLOSE TO MINE...
EHHHHH-HHHHHH-HHHHHH-HHHHHH?
WHAT!? IT WAS ALL MY MISTAKE!?
PUFF
IF I'M GOING TO DO IT, I'LL ATTACK STRAIGHT FROM THE FRONT.
I TOLD YOU, I WANT TO BE BOLD AND OPEN.
YOU THINK I'D DO SOMETHING AS UNDERHANDED AND COWARDLY AS SNEAK UP ON AND DO WEIRD THINGS TO SOMEBODY SLEEPING?


PFFFF!
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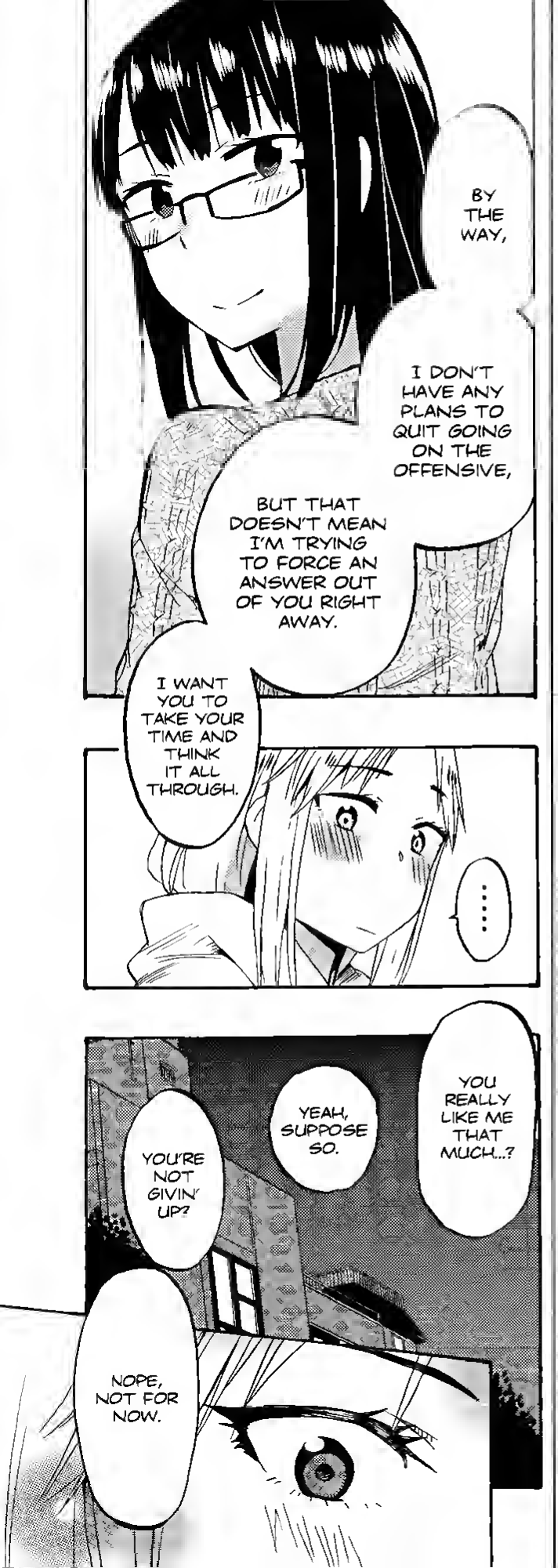
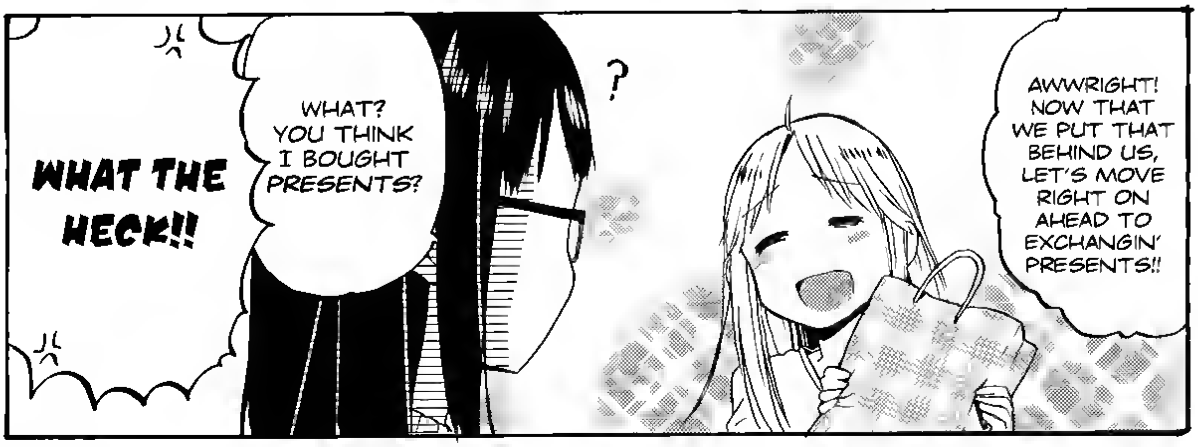
HEE HEE HEE... TH... THAT'S TOTALLY LIKE YOU, RISA!
BWA HA HA HA HA HA!
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT!?
STOP LAUGH-ING.
Ha Ha Ha


BY THE WAY,
I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS TO QUIT GOING ON THE OFFENSIVE,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I'M TRYING TO FORCE AN ANSWER OUT OF YOU RIGHT AWAY.
I WANT YOU TO TAKE YOUR TIME AND THINK IT ALL THROUGH.
.....
YOU REALLY LIKE ME THAT MUCH...?
YEAH, SUPPOSE SO.
YOU'RE NOT GIVIN' UP?
NOPE, NOT FOR NOW.

IF YOU'RE GONNA SAY SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT TO ME, I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GIVE IN.

I DECIDED TO KEEP IT A SECRET,
BUT HEARIN' THAT ANSWER, I FELT JUST A LITTLE BIT RELIEVED.
CAN'T YOU MAYBE SOFTEN THE OFFENSIVE JUST A TEENY BIT...?
UU
I TOLD YOU, YOUR REACTIONS ARE WAY TOO FUNNY.


WHAT THE HECK!!
WHAT? YOU THINK I BOUGHT PRESENTS?
?
AWWRIGHT! NOW THAT WE PUT THAT BEHIND US, LET'S MOVE RIGHT ON AHEAD TO EXCHANGIN' PRESENTS!!

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